

CATHERINE E. INGRAM AND NIGEL L. GRAHAM

HON. WILLIAM (BILL) CLAY

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 14, 2000

Mr. CLAY. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to extend my congratulations to two former House Pages, Catherine Elizabeth Ingram and Nigel Leonard Graham on the occasion of their recent marriage.

Catherine and Nigel met when they came to Washington to serve as Congressional Pages during the summer of 1988. Catherine served as a Page under my sponsorship while Nigel was sponsored by the Honorable HENRY WAXMAN of California. Nigel was extremely interested in the political process and his enthusiasm inspired Catherine's interest. They did not experience love at first sight; however, as the summer progressed they began to spend most of their days together at the Capitol and to enjoy their evenings together in D.C. A friendship developed over the summer and they agreed to keep in touch. After that summer, Nigel wrote the first letter and they have kept in touch ever since. Their friendship soon grew into a relationship and they have been a couple since 1990. When Nigel and Catherine became engaged in December 1999, they returned to the restaurant they frequented in the summer of 1988. It was a special moment as they recalled the place where their relationship began.

Mr. Speaker. It is heartwarming to know that Nigel and Catherine met and found personal happiness through their service as Congressional Pages. I wish this fine young couple every happiness and good fortune in the years ahead.

TRIBUTE TO JOE ANDERSON

HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CLYBURN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a remarkable South Carolinian on the occasion of his retirement. Mr. Joe M. Anderson, Jr. has contributed much to his state in the way of service and expertise, and he will be missed in the business community of South Carolina.

Joe was born and raised in Anderson, South Carolina. He received his B.A. from the University of Georgia in 1965 and his MBA from the University of South Carolina in 1967.

To Joe, community service is a top priority. Currently, he is the President of South Carolina Operations for Bell South. He is the founding chairman of the South Carolina Chamber of Commerce's Excellence in Education Council, on which he still serves as a board member. He is also a member of the Board of Directors of the United States Chamber of Commerce. He was recently appointed by the Governor of South Carolina to be the Chair of the advisory council for the "First Steps" program, a new educational initiative in South Carolina. His passion for education, cul-

tural awareness, and community service has led him to serve as president and chair of various other organizations in the state. But, regardless of his title or position, he maintains that helping others takes precedence over pride and formality.

In the midst of all of his service to his community, Joe always finds time for his family. He is married to the former Carol Gerrod of Anderson, and has three sons.

It is citizens like Mr. Joe Anderson, Jr. that make South Carolina such a great state. Mr. Speaker, I ask you to join me in paying tribute to this fine South Carolinian who has set an example of community service, selflessness, and hard work for others, and wish him the very best in his retirement years.

IN MEMORY OF MICHAEL F. PILTMAN

HON. MICHAEL R. McNULTY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. McNULTY. Mr. Speaker, a light is gone from the world with the loss of Michael F. Piltman, 46, of Rotterdam, New York.

His friends and colleagues who worked with him for many years in New York State government will always cherish Michael's special personal qualities and his dedication to public service.

He was humane, just and ethical. He lived, "... to make gentle the life of this world." To these ends he directed his many talents: a creative and facile mind, a sparkling wit, a joy in people, a zest for the political arena, tolerance for all and a passion for human rights and progressive causes.

Michael loved others, not only in the abstract but also in countless interactions, large and small, with real people, marking his every day with acts of kindness and compassion.

An incomparable and loyal friend, he was giving, nurturing and empathetic, always putting others above himself. He lived with genuine humility and not a trace of egotism.

His irrepressible spirit will ever be a presence, and an inspiration, in the many lives fortunate enough to have been touched by his.

I join with Gail Shaffer, Jim Baldwin, Tom Matthews, Bill Brown, Barbara Chocky, Teresa Davenport Carter, Cheryl Parsons Reul, Maggie Quinn, Barbara Kozack, Sue DiDonato, Gene Labocetta, Ginny Kintz, Sam Messina and Michael's many other friends and colleagues in mourning his loss.

"Faith, hope and love, and the greatest of these is love." Michael, all who knew you loved you. Our lasting tribute to you is to carry on your goodness in our own lives and to others.

IN HONOR OF FATHER WILLIAM F. TEZIE

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Father William F. Tezie, a caring and

devoted man who has served as a pastor for more than 44 years. This is a particularly special time for Father Tezie as he celebrates his retirement, his 25th anniversary as pastor of St. John Nepomucene's Church, and his 70th birthday.

Father Tezie was born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, but shortly thereafter his family moved to Lakewood, Ohio and eventually to Rocky River. He attended St. Christopher Grade School and graduated from Rocky River High School. In 1948, Father Tezie entered Gregory Minor Seminary in Cincinnati and later graduated from St. Mary Major Seminary in Cleveland.

Since his ordination on May 19, 1956, Father Tezie has shared his commitment and faith with six different parishes throughout Ohio. Before he began his remarkable 25-year reign as pastor at St. John Nepomucene's Church in 1975, he provided nearly 20 wonderful years of dedicated service to the parishes at St. Richard's Church in North Olmsted, St. John's Church in Akron, St. Cyril and Methodius's Church in Lakewood, St. Mary's of the Falls Church in Olmsted Falls, and St. Francis Xavier's Church in Medina. In 1991, the Diocese of Cleveland presented the Award of Excellence as outstanding pastor to Father Tezie for his exemplary service to Catholic education.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my fellow colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in congratulating Father William J. Tezie on his retirement, his anniversary and his birthday. I, along with the St. John Nepomucene Parish, wish to thank this incredible man for the lifetime of faithful and loving service he has given.

ST. ANN OF THE DUNES ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 14, 2000

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is my great pleasure to congratulate St. Ann of the Dunes Roman Catholic Church, in Beverly Shores, Indiana, as it celebrated its 50th anniversary as a parish this past Sunday, September 10, 2000. I would also like to take this opportunity to congratulate Father John B. Barasinski, pastor, on this joyous occasion.

Adjacent to the scenic Indiana Dunes National Park, St. Ann of the Dunes celebrated its half-century of history during a special mass last Sunday with Bishop Dale Melczek and the Reverend Charles Doyle, who presided over the church as its pastor for 30 of its 50 years.

From humble beginnings, St. Ann of the Dunes began as a nomadic church, taking up weekly residence wherever it could find space. Parishioners held services in houses, restaurants, and even a fire station, until 1954, when Helen Wood donated five acres that were once home to the Beverly Shores Golf Course. On this donated land, parishioners built a simple, rectangular church which served them well until 1971, when this building underwent extensive renovations and additions. St. Ann of the Dunes parish continues to be home to a close-knit congregation.